

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 53, 61, 77 and 84 are currently being amended. The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-52 (Previously cancelled).

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53. (Currently amended) A method of controlling an Internet browser interface displayable by an Internet browser on a display of a computer, and enabling a user of the computer and Internet browser to access and navigate the Internet and to receive and display on the computer display one or more Web pages from one or more Internet sites, including the display of a Web page from a predetermined Internet site, the Internet browser having at least one Internet browser toolbar having at least one toolbar button providing a predetermined functionality to the user of the computer and Internet browser, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing, at the predetermined Internet site, access to a program for controlling the Internet browser interface; and
- (b) making available for downloading by the predetermined Internet site, a file for causing the display of ~~displaying~~ a user toolbar that makes additional functionality that is not part of the Internet browser prior to download available to the user after download as part of the Internet browser interface, such that once the user toolbar is displayed the user toolbar remains displayed and said additional functionality remains available to the user regardless of ~~the~~ a subsequent Internet site to which the Internet browser is caused to navigate after download.

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54. (Previously Amended) A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the user toolbar includes an interface object and is customizable by the user to provide user-selected functionality in the user toolbar.

55. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the file comprises an ActiveX control.

56. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the file comprises a Plug-in.

57. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 54, wherein the interface object is a toolbar button.

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58. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 54, wherein the interface object is a search window that enables the user to initiate a search at the predetermined Internet site regardless of the Internet site to which the computer is connected via the browser at the time the search is initiated.

59. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the predetermined Internet site maintains user-specific information for a plurality of users, including the user of the computer and Internet browser, said method further comprising the step of making available for downloading by the predetermined Internet site, information specific to the user of the computer and Internet browser for defining all or part of the user toolbar and wherein all or part of the display of the user toolbar is dependent upon the information, specific to the user of the computer and Internet browser, downloaded by the predetermined Internet site.

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60. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 59, further comprising the step of making available for downloading by the predetermined Internet site, additional information, specific to the user of the computer and Internet browser, for defining all or part of the user toolbar, and wherein all or part of the display of the user toolbar is dependent upon the downloaded information.

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61. (Currently amended) An Internet browser interface displayable by an Internet browser on a display of a computer, the Internet browser facilitating connection between the computer and one or more Internet sites, including a predetermined Internet site, the Internet browser having at least one Internet browser toolbar having predetermined functionality available to a user of the computer and Internet browser, the Internet browser further facilitating display on the computer display of one or more Web pages from the one or more Internet sites, ~~including and~~ display of Web pages from the predetermined Internet site, said Internet browser interface, after being enabled via connection to said predetermined Internet site, including a user toolbar having additional functionality in addition to said predetermined functionality that is displayed as part of the Internet browser interface and along with and in addition to the Internet browser toolbar while the Internet browser is activated, regardless of the which one of said one or more Internet sites site to which the computer is connected to via the Internet browser.

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62. (Previously Amended) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 61, wherein said user toolbar includes an interface object and is customizable by the user.

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63. (Previously added) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein said interface object is a toolbar button.

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64. (Previously added) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein said interface object is a search window that enables the user to initiate a search at the predetermined Internet site regardless of the Internet site to which the computer is connected via the Internet browser at the time the search is initiated.

65. (Previously Amended) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein said interface object comprises an ActiveX control that enables user customization of said interface object.

66. (Previously Amended) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein said interface object comprises a Plug-in control that enables user customization of said interface object.

67. (Previously added) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 62, wherein the predetermined Internet site maintains user-specific information for a plurality of users, including the user of the computer and Internet browser, wherein said interface object causes the Internet browser to establish a connection to the predetermined Internet site when the Internet browser is first activated and to receive information specific to the user of the computer and Internet browser from the predetermined Internet site, and wherein all or part of said user toolbar is dependent upon the information, specific to the user of the computer and Internet browser, received from the predetermined Internet site.

68. (Previously added) An Internet browser interface as recited by claim 67, wherein said interface object causes the Internet browser to periodically re-establish a connection to the predetermined Internet site while the Internet browser is activated to receive additional

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information, specific to the user of the computer and Internet browser, from the predetermined Internet site, and wherein all or part of said user toolbar is dependent upon the received information and additional information.

Claims 69-76 (Previously cancelled).

77. (Currently amended) A system for controlling an Internet browser interface displayable by an Internet browser on a display of a computer said system comprising:

a server, said server including a program accessible over the Internet by a user of the computer for controlling the Internet browser interface; and

a file downloadable by said server to the computer for controlling the Internet browser interface in the form of an added user toolbar as part of the browser interface and offering user toolbar functionality in addition to that provided by the Internet browser prior to said file being downloaded that remains available to a user of the computer regardless of the Internet site to which the Internet browser is caused to navigate subsequent to said file being downloaded.

78. (Previously added) A system as recited by claim 77, wherein said downloadable file causes a user toolbar to be displayed on the display of the computer as part of the Internet browser interface.

79. (Previously added) A system as recited by claim 78, wherein said downloadable file causes an interface object to be displayed as part of said user toolbar.

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80. (Previously added) A system as recited by claim 79, wherein said interface object enables a user of the computer to customize the user toolbar and comprises an ActiveX control.

81. (Previously added) A system as recited by claim 79, wherein said interface object enables a user of the computer to customize the user toolbar and comprises a Plug-in.

82. (Previously added) A system as recited by claim 79, wherein said interface object is a toolbar button.

83. (Previously added) A system as recited by claim 79, wherein said interface object is a search window that enables a user of the computer and Internet browser to initiate a search at a predetermined Internet site regardless of the Internet site to which the computer is connected via the browser at the time the search is initiated.

84. (Currently amended) A system for controlling an Internet browser having a browser interface displayable on a display of a computer, said system comprising:

a server for downloading files; and

a file, downloadable by said server, said file controlling the Internet browser so that the Internet browser enables a user of the computer to perform functions ~~via the Internet browser~~ via a toolbar that is part of said browser interface, said toolbar and said functions not being available to the user via the Internet browser interface prior to said file being downloaded.

85. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 53, wherein the file is caused to open when the Internet browser is activated so as to establish a link between the computer and

the predetermined Internet site, and wherein the file receives information from the predetermined Internet site for defining all or part of an interface object.

86. (Previously added) A method as recited by claim 85, wherein the file periodically causes the Internet browser to establish a link between the computer and the predetermined Internet site and receive additional information from the predetermined Internet site for defining all or part of an interface object.
